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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4748

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, SF
SUBJECT: MAHLANGU APPEAL

REFS: A) PRETORIA 4686, B) STATE 206095

1. AUGUST 15 PRESS REPORTED THAT THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (WCC) SENT A TELEGRAM TO SOUTH
AFRICAN STATE PRESIDENT DIEDERICHs ASKING FOR A STAY OF
EXECUTION FOR SOLOMON MAHLANGU.

2. SAG DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPUTY SECRETARY VAN
DALSEN'S ASSERTION REPORTED REF A THAT "THE REASON MAHLANGU
DID NOT DO ANY OF THE SHOOTING WAS THAT HIS AUTOMATIC WEAPON
HAD JAMMED" APPEARS TO CONFLICT WITH TRIAL TESTIMONY. ADVOCATE
CLIFFORD MAILER CONFIRMED
THIS POINT TO US ON AUGUST 14 AND SAID
THAT THERE IS NO INDICATION IN THE TRIAL RECORD THAT IT WAS EVEN
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SUGGESTED THAT MAHLANGU ATTEMPTED TO FIRE A GUN.

3. COMMENT: AUGUST 15 PAGE TWO PRESS REPORT OF WCC CABLE TO THE
STATE PRESIDENT ON THE MAHLANGU CASE WAS FIRST NOTICE THE SOUTH
AFRICAN PUBLIC HAS HAD OF A SPECIFIC APPEAL FROM ABROAD TO
SAVE MAHLANGU'S LIFE.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO APPROACH AMBASSADOR SOLE, REFER
TO OUR APPROACH TO DFA HERE, AND NOTE VAN
ALSEN'S INACCURATE
DESCRIPTION OF MAHLANGU'S ACTIONS. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO
INFORM CONGRESSMEN INTERESTED IN THE MAHLANGU CASE.
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